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The
HOUR MAN

and the MINUTE MEN of AMERICA

PRESENTING...

TICK-TOCK TYLER

(THE MAN OF THE HOUR)

AS SE

HOUR-MAN

WITH

MINUTE-MAN MARTIN

BY BERNARD BAILEY



WITH THE AID OF HIS NEW FOUND PAL, JIMMY MARTIN, THE **HOUR-MAN** HAS ORGANIZED ON A NATIONAL SCALE A GROUP OF BOYS KNOWN AS THE **MINUTE-MEN OF AMERICA**... AND BY MEANS OF A PORTABLE RADIO CONCEALED IN HIS BELT, **TICK-TOCK** IS ABLE TO SUMMON HIS ARMY OF **MINUTE-MEN** WHEN HE NEEDS THEM IN THE UNCEASING WAR HE IS WAGING ON CRIME...AND SO...

IN THE HOME OF BANKER MORVAN...

I INSIST YOU RESIGN FROM THAT CLUB IMMEDIATELY, RODNEY!

BUT, MOTHER! THE **MINUTE-MEN** PERFORM REAL SERVICE, LIKE THE BOY SCOUTS!



YOU MUST DO AS YOUR MOTHER ASKS, SON! BESIDES, I DON'T KNOW THE KIND PEOPLE YOU'RE ASSOCIATING WITH! AND THE **HOUR-MAN**—BOGH, A GROWN MAN WITH SUCH IDEAS!

GOSH, THEY'RE ALL FINE FELLOWS, ESPECIALLY CAPTAIN MARTIN!



AND SO NEXT MORNING...

Hi, Rod! COMING TO THE MEETING TONIGHT!

I CAN'T! MOTHER WON'T LET ME STAY A MEMBER! I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GIVE BACK MY PORTABLE RADIO SET, TOO!



NO SUCH THING! YOU JUST HANG ON TO IT! I'LL TALK TO THE **HOUR-MAN**!

OH, WOULD YOU? MAYBE HE CAN MAKE MOTHER SEE WHAT A FINE ORGANIZATION THE **MINUTE-MEN** IS!



BUT AS RODNEY GOES INTO SCHOOL, HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT SINISTER FIGURES ARE WATCHING HIM...



LATER, IN THE LABORATORY, REY TYLER DOES HIS DAILY WORK.



BUT EVEN AS THE BOSS COMPLAINS...



AS SOON AS JIMMY IS OUT OF SIGHT...



AND SO THE KIDNAP RING WHICH HAS BEEN TURNING ON RANSOM, ADDS ANOTHER VICTIM.



IN THE HIDEOUT



THAT EVENING, AS THE HOUR-MAN WAITS FOR JIMMY...



LOOK AT THIS!
HE'S BEEN KIDNAPED!

WHO IS
RODNEY
MORVAN?



HE WAS ONE OF OUR MEMBERS!
BUT HIS MOTHER OBJECTED TO
HIS BELONGING TO THE CLUB
AND MADE HIM RESIGN!



I DON'T SEE WHY! ANY
MORE THAN I CAN
UNDERSTAND BANKER
MORVAN'S ATTITUDE ON
TRYING THE RANDOM!
I THINK I'LL GO OVER
THERE! YOU WAIT HERE
FOR ME,
JIMMY!

RIGHT! AND
I'LL KEEP MY
RADIO
TUNED IN!



OUTSIDE, THE HOUR-NEW TAKES A
MIRACLO PILL, WHICH FOR ONE HOUR
GIVES HIM UNLIMITED POWERS.

MIRACLO! DO YOUR
STUFF!



THEN RACES THRU THE NIGHT
TO THE MORVAN HOME..



UPON REACHING IT, HE SCALES THE
HIGH WALL THAT SURROUNDS THE
ESTATE.

OOPS!
I SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN THERE'D
BE GUARDS
HERE!

HEY.



YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST, UH?

NOT YET! SORRY TO PUT THE
LAW TO SLEEP, BUT I
MUST SEE MORVAN!

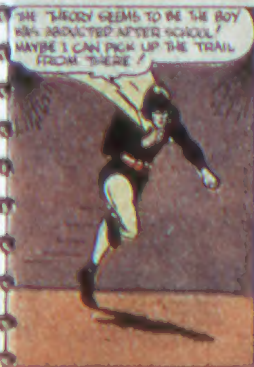


QUITE A CROWD!
WELL, HERE GOES!



INTO THE ROOM BOUNDS THE HOUR-MAN AND BEFORE THE SURPRISED G-MEN CAN CONTACT HE GRABS THE BLANKET AND





THE MINUTE-MEN
ARE SUMMONED!!

... AND THE HOUR-MAN
WANTS YOU TO INQUIRE
IN EVERY TIRE SHOP IF
TIRES WITH CRESCENT
SHAPED TREADS WERE
SOLD TO A MAN WHO OWNED
A HEAVY CAR / GET
GONG GONG!



NOPE, I DIDN'T
SELL ANY TIRE
LIKE THAT!



YES, I SOLD A SET OF
TIRES LIKE
THAT TO RICHIE
MAFFIOLI, OWNER
OF THE BLUE
GOOSE NITE CLUB!



BACK TO JIMMY WITH THE
INFORMATION, WHO TRANSMITS
IT TO THE MOCAP-MAN.

THEY WERE BOUGHT BY RICHIE
MAFFIOLI, THE NITE CLUB OWNER



I THINK I'LL
PAY MR
MAFFIOLI A
VISIT! THANKS
JIMMY--I'LL
SEE YOU LATER!



AND WHEN THE
OLD MAN
DIDN'T WANT
TO PAY UP
FOR THE
KID, I
TOLD THE
BOYS TO
BRING
HIM IN
TOO!

THEY'RE
COMING
BOSS! A
BETTER
PUTTER
MAGGON!

MORVIAN IS UNHESITANT INTO
THE ROOM.

I DEMAND
TO BE RELEASED!
--AND MY SON
ALSO!

SHUT UP
THROW THE
OLD SKIN-
FLINT IN WITH
THE KID!



FATHER AND SON ARE REUNITED!

DAD...
I-I...

ROONEY!
MY BOY,
I'VE BEEN
A FOOL!





74 MINUTES LATER

JIMMY AND YOU
DON'T TALK TO THE PRESS!
GOOD BY!

COME,

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PLANNED FOR THE
FUTURE OF THE NATION
THE FUTURE OF THE NATION
IS IN YOUR HANDS

Der 26. Januar 1894. Der 26. Januar 1894.

(Faint, illegible handwritten notes)

FRONTIER, THE REST OF THE GANG RUND
FOR THEIR CASH WARD

MAPTION - LOOK!

FOR GRAMMAR!

COME ON YOU
MINUTE MEN!
LET'S GET 'EM!

NOTICE REACHES THE
COURT HOUSE. JUDGE VITO
HEARD FROM A MAN
WHO SAID NOTHING BUT THE

THE *MINUTE MEN* GO TO WORK-- AND HOW!!!

YAHOO!

LET EM
HAVE IT!



TAKE CARE OF THEM!
STAND AT THE END
OF THE LINE!

WITH A BANG, NO MORE OF
THE *HOUR MAN* TAKES
OFF AFTER THE CAR, BECAUSE IT
STARTS TO PUSH THE A CAR.

ONE FINAL PUSH AND THE CAR
IS DRIVEN UP THE STEEP
HILL.



WANCE DON'T
FORGET TO THE
HILL!

GET AWAY!
GET AWAY!



WE WOULD BE
THANK YOU FOR
LETTING US
HAVE A MINUTE

YOU'VE DONE ME A
GREAT SERVICE AND
I'VE NEVER
FORGOTTEN



CALLING ALL READERS!!!

DROP ME A LINE AND LET ME
KNOW HOW YOU LIKE THE
MINUTE MEN
OF AMERICA.....!

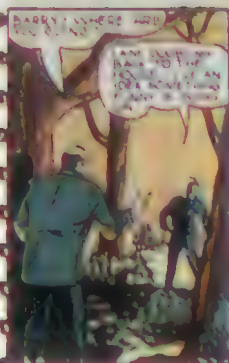
TEN ONE DOLLAR AWARDS, PLUS AN
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE *HOUR MAN*
AND *MINUTE MAN MARTIN*
FOR THE TEN BEST LETTERS!!!
ADDRESS THE *HOUR MAN*
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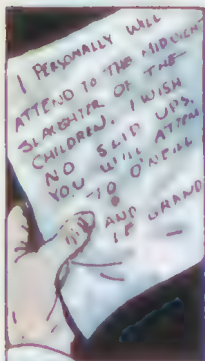
Barry O'Neill

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"FANG GOW'S CHALLENGE"



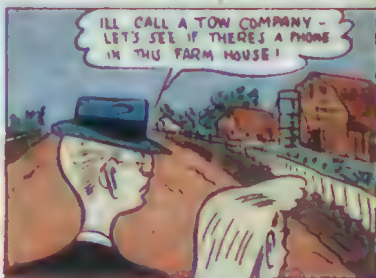
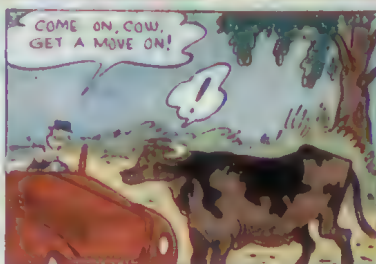
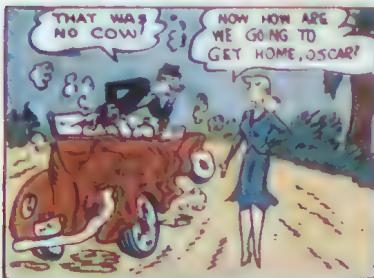
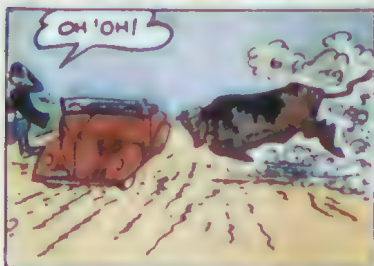


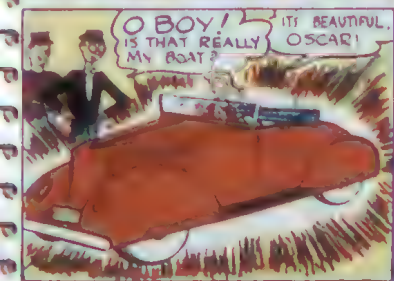
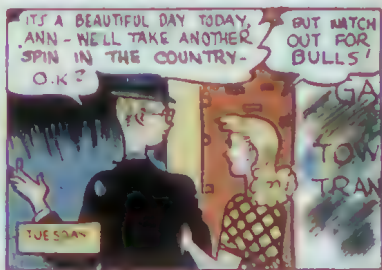
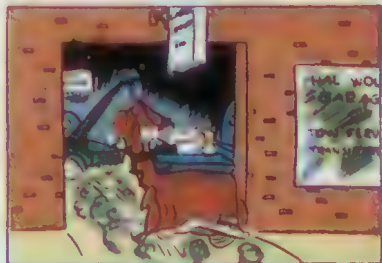




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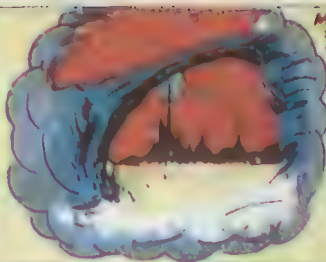
by Sherman





MARK LANSING OF MIKISHAWM

BY HOWARD FLEBII



MAROOED IN THE STRANGE LAND OF THE MIKISHAWM BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH MARK LANSING AND HIS PARTY OF FOUR ARE UNAWARE OF THE DANGER THAT LURKS ON THE CLIFF TOP ABOVE THEM....

SUDDENLY THE AIR IS SPLIT BY A HIGH, THIN WHISTLE.... WITH ONE ACCORD THEY TURN... TO FACE THE DREADED MONKS THE TAILED MEN OF THE LAND OF THE MIKISHAWM...



MARK'S BLUE SKIN BLANCHES. HE SHOUTS TO HARRY: "DON'T MAKE A MOVE! IT'S A TRICK MONKS!"



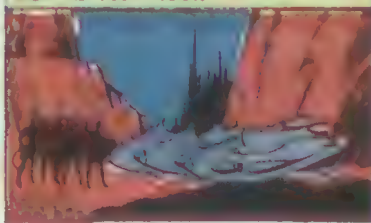
THE LEADER ADDRESSES THEM...



SWIFTLY THRO' THE REXY COUNTRY THE CAPTIVES ARE TAKEN ON!!



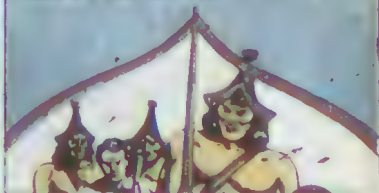
THEY REACH A GLADE WHEREIN SEVEN SMALL SHIPS OF PECULIAR DESIGN LIE UPON THE ROCKY SOIL!!



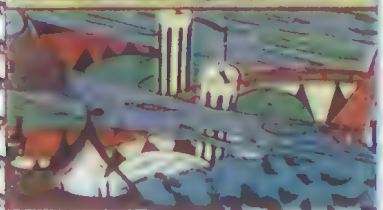


KIT AND TONY ARE BRUTALLY SEIZED AND DRAGGED TO ONE OF THE WAITING SHIPS... THEY ARE SEPARATED FROM MARK AND ADDA, WHO ARE CLOSELY GUARDED AND POWERLESS TO AID THEM!

ONE BY ONE THE SHIPS LEAVE THE EARTH. IN AN AGONY OF DESPAIR, MARK WATCHES THE ONE CONTAINING TONY AND KIT ZOOM AHEAD AND FADE INTO THE TWILIGHT...



FOR HOURS THE SPEEDY CRAFT ROAR THRU THE MIST. AND AT LAST A CITY MATERIALIZES BELOW THEM...



THE ROCKET SHIPS DIVE RAPIDLY AND LAND... BUT THERE IS NO SIGN OF TONY AND KIT...

TONY AND KIT- THEY'RE NOT HERE! WHERE ARE THEY TAKING THEM?

NO DOUBT TO THE PRINCIPAL CITY OF STAL! THE GIRL IS A VERY EARLY TREASURE!



THERE IS NO TIME FOR FURTHER TALK.... MARK AND HIS TWO FRIENDS ARE ROUGHLY HERDED INTO AN AUTOCAR AND CARRIED THRU THE TEEMING STREETS OF THE MORD CITY KNOWN AS VANDA!



VANDA - A CITY HIDDEN IN THE FASTNESSES OF MUKISHAWM... A CITY OF LONG-DEAD CULTURE, RULED OVER BY THE MOKOS, PRODUCTS OF TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF DEGENERATION AND KNOWN AS THE HOUNDS OF THE INNER WORLD....

**MARK, KODA AND JADA ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THE KING OF VANDA....
"MOKAN, THE MONSTER!"**



I COME FROM THE EARTH. IT IS BEYOND YOUR MOONS AND FARTHER AWAY THAN YOUR SUN!



YOU ARE A PRETTY LIAR. MAYBE THE GIRL WILL TELL A DIFFERENT STORY. SHE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO STAL, WHERE I WILL SEE HER PRESENTLY!



MOKAN GIVES A TERSE ORDER, AND INTO THE DUNGEONS GO MARK, KODA AND JADA.



MARK IS WITH THEM... THE SENIOR GUARD IS SURPRISED AND CHINER!



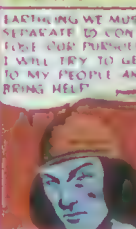
SURELY THEY THE GUARD HAS THEM GO AND HERE IS ANY GUARD GUARD WHO KNOWS THEIR WAY...



ONE MORE GUARD DOWNED IN!



JADA RECALMS TO MOKA...



-AND JADA IS GONE! MARK AND KODA ARE LEFT ALONE... IN MARK'S BRAIN: A BURNING QUESTION. HOW TO GET TO STAL IN TIME TO SAVE KIT AND TONY?

THEY GAIN THE COURTYARD... MORE GUARDS, BUT THEY CUT THEIR WAY THRU...



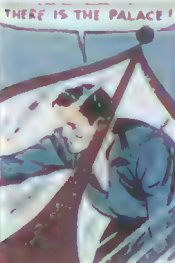
THEY RACE MADLY
ACROSS THE COURT-
YARD AND ONTO
THE BROAD HIGH-
WAY... KODA'S
ALERT EYES COVER
SOMETHING...
HE SHOUTS TO
MARK !!!



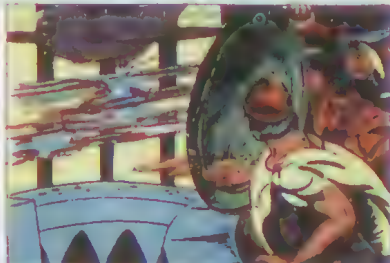
BEHIND THEM CAN
BE HEARD SHOUTS
AND THE CLANGOR
OF ARMS. MARK
UTTERS A SILENT
PRAYER, SELECTS A
LEVER AND PULLS
IT BACK....
THERE IS A SUDDEN
ROAR AND THEY
ARE IN THE AIR!



ON ROARS THE LITTLE SHIP... NO IMMEDIATE
SIGNS OF PURSUIT ARE SHOWN... UP AHEAD
MARK DISCERNES THE VAGUE OUTLINE OF A
HUGE CITY...



THEY NOSE THE
ROCKET SHIP IN
BUT THEY ARE
SEEN! THE ALARM
IS GIVEN!



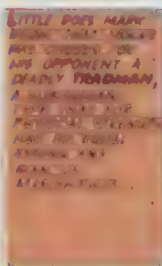
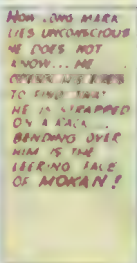
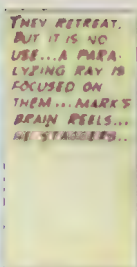
WITH SINKING HEARTS THEY LAND THEIR
TINY CRAFT !!

WE'LL TRY TO
GET INTO THE
CASTLE AND
HIDE!



OVER THE BALCONY
AND THRU AN OPEN
WINDOW GO MARK
AND KODA, BUT
THEY ARE CON-
FRONTED BY A HUGE
TAILED MOKO!
"KODA THE SILENT,"
STOOPING LOW,
GATHERS UP A
LOOSE PIECE OF
GRANITE....





THE TOURNAMENT OF THE DOOMED! TWICE A YEAR IT IS HELD...A BLOODY CONTEST FOR A BLOOD-THIRSTY PEOPLE...AN AUTOMATIC DEATH SENTENCE FOR CONVICTS AND ANY NOBLE RASH ENOUGH TO EARN THE DISFAVOR OF MOKAN THE MONSTER!

TONY, KIT AND KODA ARE SEATED NEXT TO THE EMPEROR, MOKAN...AND BENEATH THE EMPEROR'S CHAIR HANGS THE IRONIC PENNYANT!

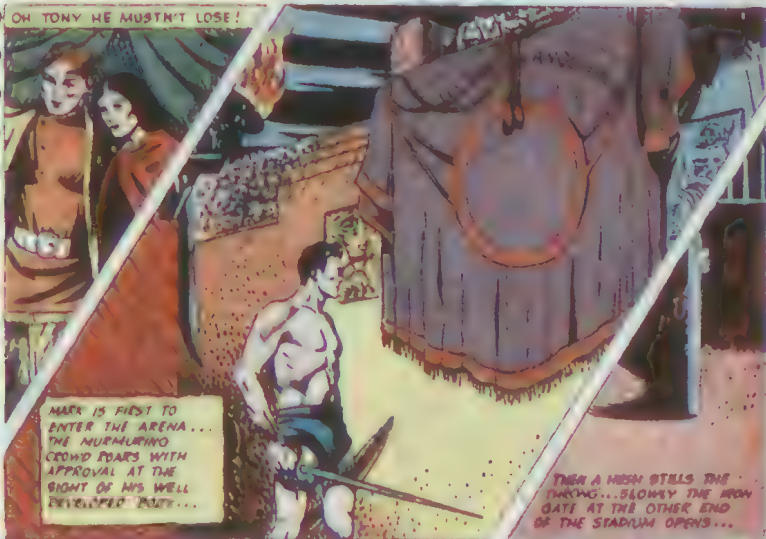
TO THE VANQUISHED !!!

MOKAN SPEAKS!

LET THE GAMES COMMENCE!



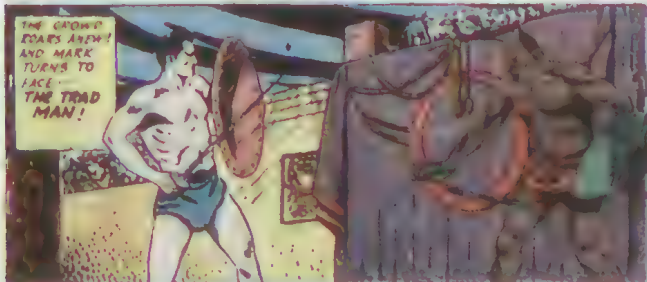
OH TONY HE MUSTN'T LOSE!



MARK IS FIRST TO ENTER THE ARENA... THE MURMURING CROWD ROARS WITH APPROVAL AT THE SIGHT OF HIS WELL DEVELOPED BOUTE...

THEN A HUSH BEFALLS THE THROG...SLOWLY THE IRON GATE AT THE OTHER END OF THE STADIUM OPENS...

THE CROWD ROARS AWAY! AND MARK TURNS TO FACE THE TRAD MAN!



TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH...

BATTLE TO THE DEATH!!

FEDERAL MEN



JERRY SEGAL
and
CHAD

AS STEVE CARSON WORKS AT HIS DESK, HE RECEIVES A CALL FROM A NEWSPAPER FRIEND.....!!

STEVE, WE'VE JUST RECEIVED A FLASH ON A BUTLER FOUND DEAD IN THE BORINGQUEM EMBASSY!



THANKS, 'ORRAY! I'LL HOP RIGHT OVER THERE!

AS STEVE LEAVES HE IS ACCOSTED BY A GOSWALK PHOTOGRAPHER.



TAKE YOUR PICTURE AFTER? WE'LL SEND IT TO YOU PER TWO BITE

NOT TODAY!

THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS!



BUT THE AMBASSADOR IS OUT, SIR!

AS THE BUTLER TRIES TO BAR STEVEN WAY.

THERE YOU ARE AMBASSADOR! I KNEW THIS BUTLER WAS LYING!

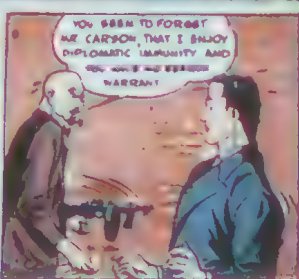


I WANT TO SEE YOUR BUTLER'S BODY! DO YOU SHOW ME OR DO I LOOK

ARE YOU CRAZY? THERE'S MY BUTLER! HE DOESN'T LOOK DEAD TO ME!



YOU SEEM TO FORGET ME CARSON, THAT I ENJOY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND YOU HAVE NO EGRESS WARRANT



STEVE HAS
SEEN A
GIRL ENTER
THE ROOM
AND HOO
TO HIM!

HERE IS MY SECRETARY
MISS BRACK! SHE'LL
TELL YOU THIS IS
THE ONLY BUTLER
I'VE HAD FOR
WEEKS!

THAT'S
RIGHT

SORRY
AMBASSADOR

THAT'S O.K. CARSON!
WILLIAMS WILL SHOW
YOU THE WAY
OUT!

FOLLOW
ME, GIRL!

AS THE BUTLER BOWS, SOMETHING IN
HIS MANNER CATCHES STEVE'S EYE!

THIS WAY
GIRL!

Puzzled, STEVE returns to F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS
AND THE PHOTOGRAPHER IS STILL THERE!.....

PITCHER
GENTS?

WHY HAVEN'T HE
GIVEN THEM A CARD?

BEAT
IT!

LISTEN, HOW ARE YOU
GOING TO SEND ME MY
PICTURES?

WHY-WHY - NOW -
JUST GIVE ME
YOUR NAME AND
ADDRESS!

THIS IS WHAT I'LL GIVE
YOU! YOU'RE COMING TO HEAD
QUARTERS WITH YOUR CAMERA!

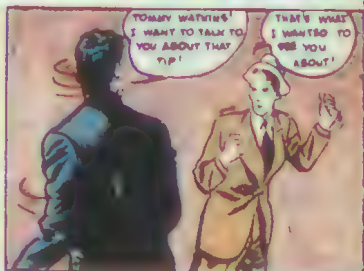
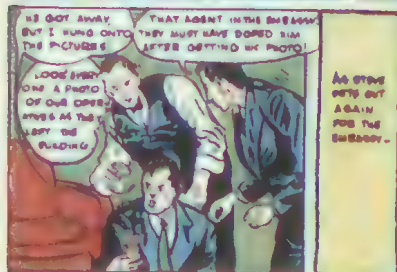
CHIEF, THIS FELLOW IS TOO GOOD A
PHOTOGRAPHER! I WANT TO SEE WHAT HE'S
GOT!

YOU'VE NOTHING
ON ME!

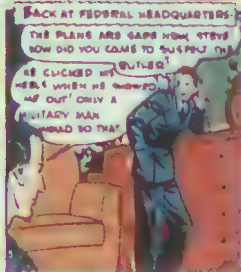
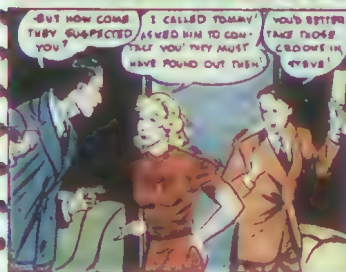
IN RESPONSE TO
STEVE'S SUMMONS -

YES, MR.
CARSON!

HAVE THE PICTURES IN THAT CAMERA
DEVELOPED RIGHT AWAY! KEEP THE
BIRD LOCKED UP!



AS STEVE
REACHES
THE
EMBASSY-



FOLLOW
THE BURNING
RACKET-BUTLER,
STEVE CARSON,
IN EVERY ISSUE OF
ADVENTURE COMIC!

CHAD

JUNIOR FEDERAL MEN CLUB

Conducted By STEVE CARSON

HELLO again, Members! I bet you've been reading in the newspapers about something called "The Fifth Column," and how the Federal Men are trying to combat it

these "Fifth Columnists" come the *saboteurs* (who try to cripple industry), the *propagandists* (who try to sway the people's minds), and *trouble-makers* in general!

sequently, the man next to him in a machine shop he might be planning to cripple, could be an FBI agent!

Then, at the first sign of a false move, the man is arrested.

Well, I'm going to tell you just what that Fifth Column is and how the members of the FBI are breaking it up because it is a menace to Democracy and the freedom of speech, press, and religion in this country.

So you see, they constitute a real menace to a country. Our President, Mr. Roosevelt, says they must not gain a hold here such as they did in Norway, Finland and Holland. He has instructed the FBI to root them out.

Another method is for our own secret agents to notify this country when a suspected "Fifth Columnist" sails from his homeland. The man is watched from the time he arrives. If enough evidence of his activities has been accumulated, the "Fifth Columnist" is immediately shipped back where he came from.

The "Fifth Column" is composed of people who use underhanded and unfair methods to break down the existing order of things. In other words, they are spies—in the employ of a hostile power—whose purpose is to spread the doctrines of their dictators and make a happy people dissatisfied. From

How do we go about it? Well, there are many methods, some of which are so secret that they cannot be told here. But here's one method when the FBI suspects a person of being a "Fifth Columnist," a couple of agents are assigned to watch that person's every movement. The person being watched seldom suspects he is; con

Working with the FBI in its fight are decent citizens, who love everything America stands for. If they observe something that strikes against the country—on the part of a "Fifth Columnist"—they notify the Federal authorities and a watch is placed on the suspect.

Here's Your Chance to Join the Junior FEDERAL MEN Club

Steve Carson,
J. F. M. C. Headquarters,
480 Lexington Ave., New York City
Dear Steve:

Please enlist me as a member of your JUNIOR FEDERAL MEN CLUB. I want to help you promote Law and Order. Enclosed is 10 cents, for which please send me my Badge, Certificate and Operator's Number.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City and State _____

In Washington there are files on every known alien, his face, his fingerprints. Constant watch is kept for appearances of these men.

Tracking the "Fifth Column" is dangerous work. The foreign spies stop at nothing, including murder. But the might of the FBI, the ingenuity and courage of its agents, are more than a match for the "Fifth Column's" underhanded methods!

Yes, you may be sure that the FEDERAL MEN will never cease battling our nation's enemies!

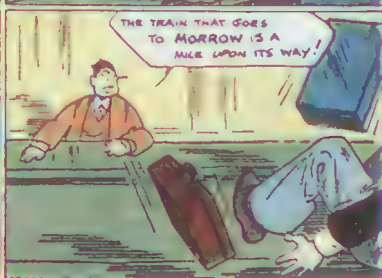
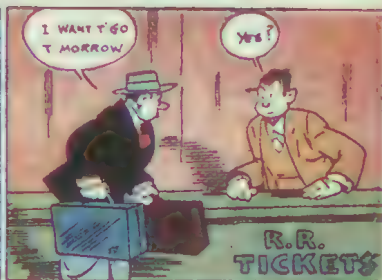
Yours for Law and Order!

STEVE CARSON.

NOTHIN' SERIOUS

BY ALGER

-YES, IT'S ALL IN PUN!

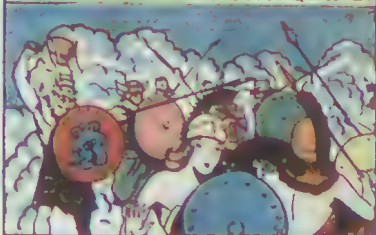


COTTON AND THE BEAST MEN CARVER

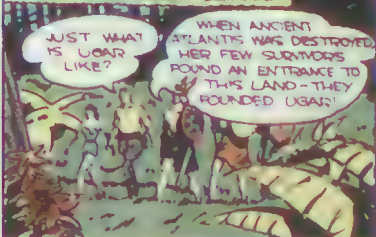
AS COTTON IS KENLING LUKA FROM THE AMAZONS, WHO HAVE CAPTURED THEM, THE WOMAN WARRIORS RUSH HIM ON THE ALTAR OF THEIR GOD OVER THEIR HEADS. COTTON SEES QWAR AND HIS FIGHTERS COMING TO THE RESCUE!



THE AMAZONS ARE NO MATCH FOR QWAR'S MEN!



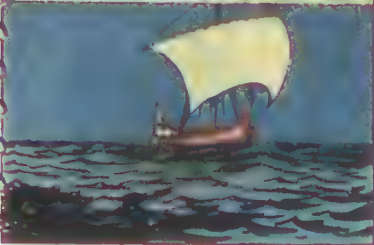
THE VICTORS MARCH SEAWARD!



THEY BOARD THE FLEET GALLERY OF UGAR!



ACROSS A BREEZE-SWEET SEA THE VALLEY ROCKS



THE SPIES OF UGAR? RISE IN THE DISTANCE



THEY LAND AND

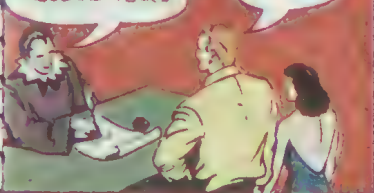


-PROCEED TO THE SCIENCE BUILDING!



FROM THE EARTH, EH? WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST FEW THOUSAND YEARS?

A LOT OF THINGS



AS COTTON STATES HE IS FROM THE EARTH'S CRUST, A VOICE SPEAKS!



COTTON TELLS NORLON SOME HISTORICAL FACTS!

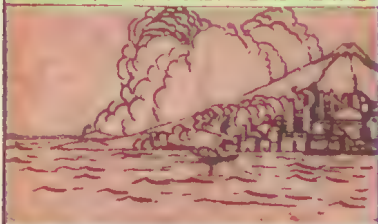


• THE LEGEND OF ATLANTIS •

ATLANTIS IS A CONTINENT THAT EXISTED BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO. IT HAD GREAT FIGHTERS AND EXPLORERS, LARGE SHIPS AND A MIGHTY NATION. THE AMERICAN INDIANS, THE EGYPTIANS AND THE SUMERIANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SOME OF THEIR MANY LOST COLONIES. PLATO SAYS 'IN ONE DAY AND ONE NIGHT DID THIS VAST CONTINENT SINK INTO THE SEA FOREVERMORE'



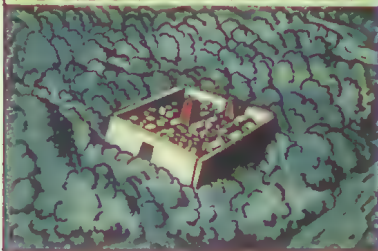
NORLON THROWS THE SWITCH - THE SCREEN GLOWS RED, AND A PICTURE APPEARS - ATLANTIS!



THE FIGHTING MEN OF ATLANTIS CONQUERED EVERYWHERE



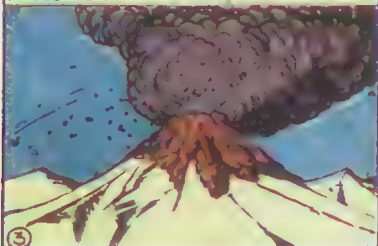
THEY BUILT GREAT CITIES IN SOUTH AMERICA!



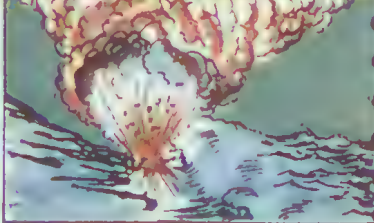
BUT ONE DAY A VAST EARTH-QUAKE WAS FELT



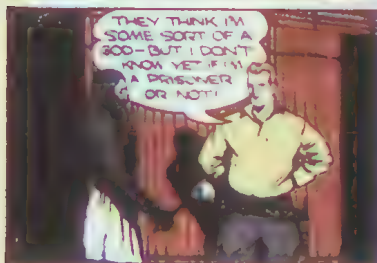
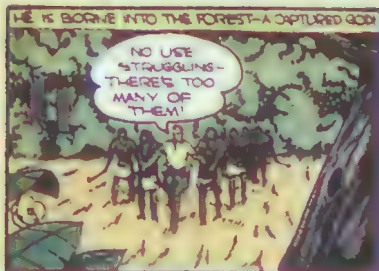
A VOLCANO SPRANG TO LIFE - THUNDERING LAVA!

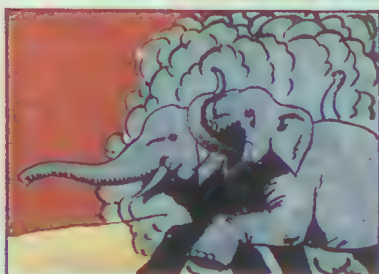
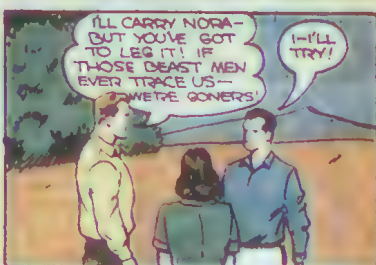


A TIDAL WAVE ROLLED IN - BY THE LAVA - AND THERE WAS A COLOSSAL EXPLOSION!









FOLLOW COTTON CARVER IN HIS THRILLING ADVENTURES AGAINST MAN AND BEAST IN THE WORLD DENEATH THE EARTH'S CRUST! DON'T MISS NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF ADVENTURE COMICS!

TOO CLEVER

By Clem Gordon



THEY were talking about skippers in the radio room of the Coast Guard cutter S24 when the notice slipped in over the loudspeaker.

Jim Norman was saying "Old Tom Larsen is the cleverest helmsman of 'em all out there in the channel! He knows it like a book. Knows that those five flashes off Needle Point warn of a hidden shoal of rocks reaching out to the left of the channel and that a little farther on the three flashes off Razorback Rock Light-house tell about the rocks to its right! Can't fool him with a spoked wheel in his mitts!"

The others nodded grimly. Trained men, each of them, members of the United States Coast Guard crew stationed at Cutter Channel that meets the ocean out beyond Needle Point, they knew their local sailors.

Jim was settling himself to swap more tall tales when the

speaker buzzed twice and broke in on him.

"Calling Coastal Station 24! Calling Coastal Station 24! The theft of the Army's new inter-radio definite-control sending and receiving apparatus plans has been traced your way! Thieves' possible destination Cutter Channel—and through that to the open ocean where the jurisdiction of the United States ends! Stop them at all costs! That is all!"

Jim Norman was quivering in the middle of the room with repressed eagerness. His bronzed face was grim and severe. He looked at the men around him, and asked a question.

"Who would you fellows hire to take you through Cutter Channel on a dark night like tonight?"

They roared their answer, sensing what he meant to do.

"Old Tom Larsen!"

They followed Jim to the door of the cabin, listening to his howl,

"That's what the crooks'll do! Get Tom to take 'em past Needle Point and Razorback Rock Light—then transfer to a waiting ship in the ocean!"

But when they joined Jim at the rail of their vessel they all could see a dark object far ahead on the waters of Cutter Channel. It was old Tom's boat—lights darkened and moving with all speed oceanward!

Jim groaned.

"Too late! We can't catch Old Tom's fleet little boat in time to warn him what he's doing—not that I know whether he doesn't know already! We're licked!"

He held his head up like a hound catching the scent. His jaw muscles worked furiously. He smashed a hard fist into the palm of his hand, and shouted, "No, we're not! Not yet! Not if I know Old Tom!"

He was back in the radio room in an instant, had jerked the ear-

phones from the young radio technician who sat before the sending set, and was frantically working the dials.

"Calling Needle Point Light! Calling Needle Point Light! Coast Guard Cutter S24 signalling! Norman speaking. Flash three lights. Flash three lights! Explain later. Keep it up! That is all!"

He dropped the earphones to the desk, and snatched up the speaking tube that connected the radio room with the bridge.

"Full speed toward Needle Point! Watch out for Old Tom's boat! It's not flashing any lights!"

The S24 came up on the wrecked boat with the speed of sound. As he stood on the forward deck, craning his head forward into the darkness, Jim Norman could hear the bang of shattered wood

against sharp rocks. He smiled grimly. His little scheme had worked!

The Coast Guard Cutter threw its wreck-line toward the rocks. It brought the crew and passengers of Old Tom's little schooner on deck one by one. Wet and dripping, mad as a moist hen, Old Tom stood before Jim Norman and snarled at him.

"Since when has Needle Point been sending three lights instead of five? I thought it was Razorback Light and swung to the left to avoid its shoals! It was Needle Point—and the rocks here are on the left! We smashed kerplunk into them! I couldn't judge my distance in the dark—and I didn't dare show a light!"

"Just what I thought you'd figure, Tom," grinned Jim. "That's why I phoned Needle Point to

change their signals until you wrecked! It was our only chance of catching you. And saving an important military secret for Uncle Sam at the same time!

"You're a clever skipper, Tom, and I knew you'd think you were off Razorback. It happens that I know you're clever. If you weren't so smart—I'd never have caught you!"

Tom grumbled, but Jim was happy. He had the plans safe in his pocket, and safe for the United States!

"Just shows you," he called to Old Tom as the latter was led away, "sometimes you can be too smart for your own good!"

"Seems to me," called back Tom, "you were pretty clever, too!"

THE END

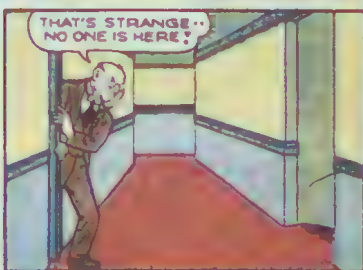


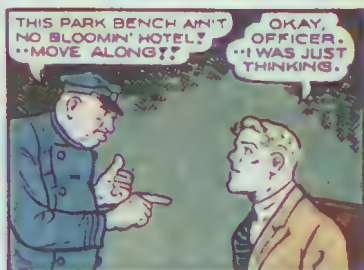
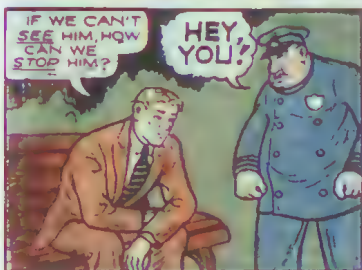
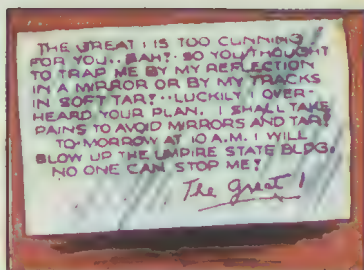
SOCKO STRONG

BY ALBERT + JOSEPH SULMAN.

SOCKO STRONG HAS LAID ELABORATE PLANS TO TRAP THE GREAT 1, AN INVISIBLE MANIAC WHO HAS EMBARKED ON A CAREER OF REVENGE AND CRIME..

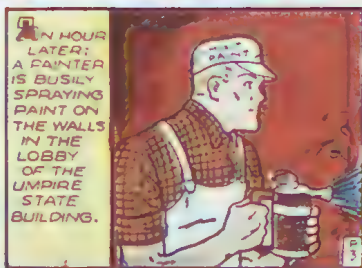
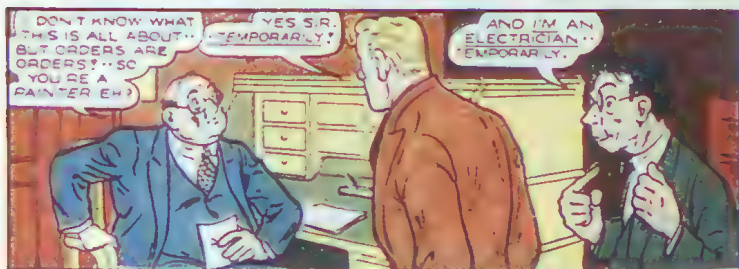
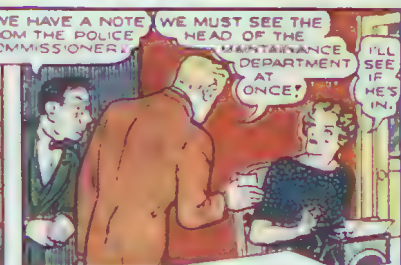
BUT SOCKO DOES NOT KNOW THAT HIS PLANS HAVE BEEN OVERHEARD BY THE GREAT 1...

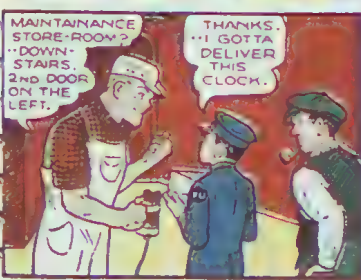
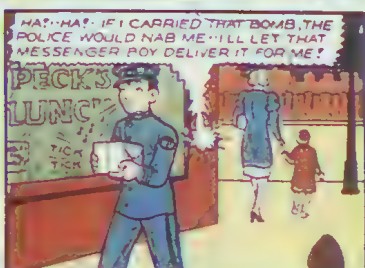
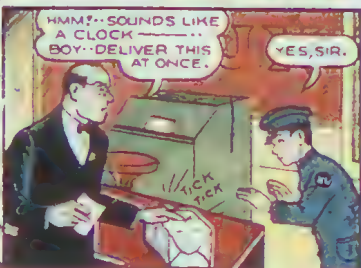


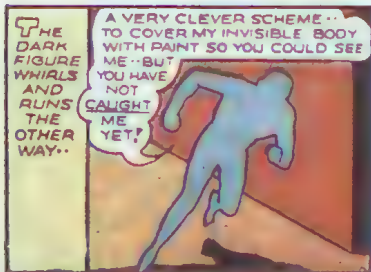
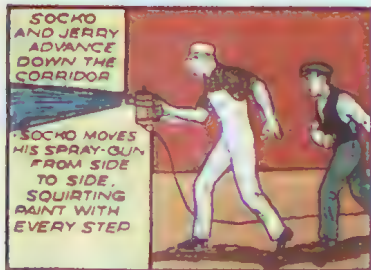
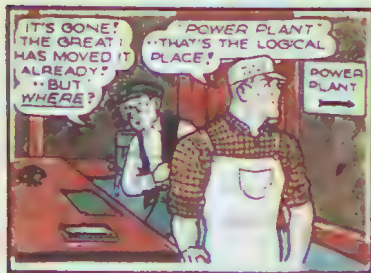




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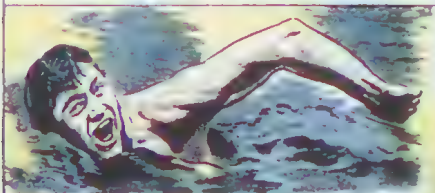
-- SPORTS CLOSE-UPS! --



James
J.

BRADDOCK

-- HIS RISE FROM RELIEF TO RICHES WAS ONE OF THE MOST COLORFUL SUCCESS SAGAS OF SPORT -- BROKEN HANDS, NUMEROUS SETBACKS AND THE JEERS OF THE MOB FAILED TO DISCOURAGE JIM -- HE WENT ON TO WIN THE TITLE!



JOHNNY WEISMÜLLER WAS HANDICAPPED BY ILLNESS AND A PUNY PHYSIQUE AS A BOY -- HE TOOK UP SWIMMING FOR HIS HEALTH!

-- HARD TO DISCOURAGE!

MANY SPORT STARS HAVE OVERCOME DISCOURAGING HANDICAPS ON THEIR RISE TO FAME!



Glenn
CUNNINGHAM

-- HIS LEGS WERE SO BADLY BURNED WHEN HE WAS A BOY THAT THEY THOUGHT HE WOULD BE CRIPPLED FOR LIFE!

STEVE CONRAD ADVENTURER

BY JACK
LEITL

WELL, CHANG, SHALL
WE GO OUT AND
STROLL ALONG
THE BOULEVARDS
OF GAY FAREE?



PARIS IS QUITE
A CITY FOR
ROMANCE AND
ADVENTURE!

YES! CHANG HEAR
LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL
SPY LADIES IN
DUMMIS

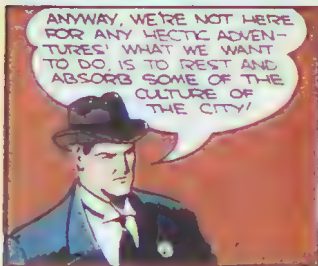


I THINK THAT'S
A BIT OVER-RATED-
PRETTY GIRLS DON'T
HAVE ENOUGH BRAINS
TO MAKE GOOD SPY'S!

MEBBE SO-
BUT CHANG
HEAR
DIFFERENT!



ANYWAY, WE'RE NOT HERE
FOR ANY HECTIC ADVENT-
TURES! WHAT WE WANT
TO DO, IS TO REST AND
ABSORB SOME OF THE
CULTURE OF
THE CITY!



AND THIS IS THE
PLACE FOR IT-LOOK
AT THE BEAUTIFUL
PARKS AND BUILDINGS!



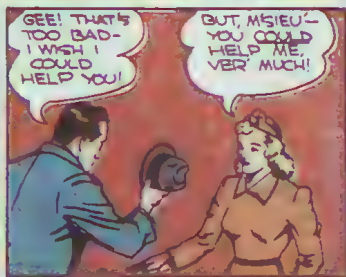
NOW, WE'RE
ENTERING
THE LATIN
QUARTER-
TOUGHEST
SECTION OF
THE CITY!!

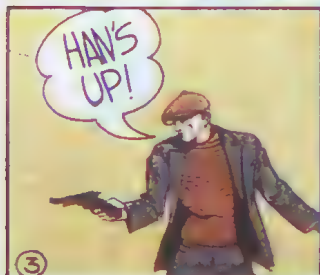
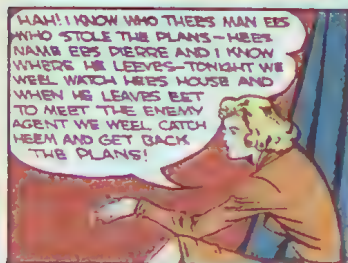
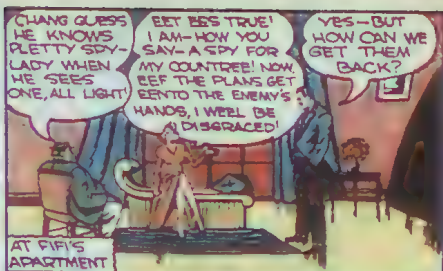
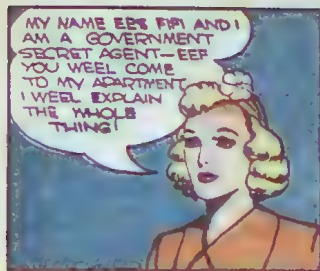
YES! AND
CHANG
SEE A
BEAUTIFUL
SPY-LADY!



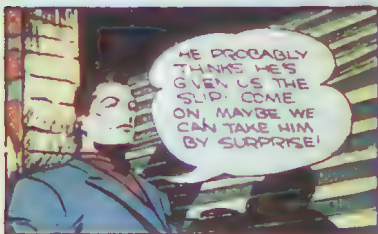
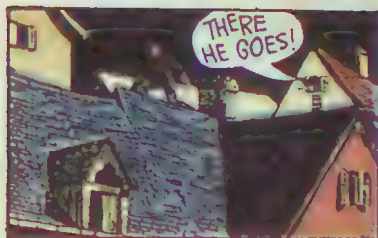
NONSENSE! YOUR
IMAGINATION IS
JUST OVERWORKING
A LITTLE. CHANG--
SAY! WAIT A
MINUTE!

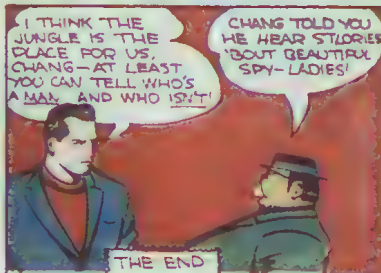




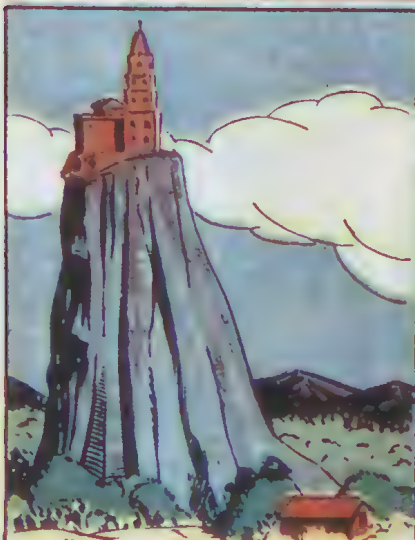








FANTASTIC FACTS



NEARER TO HEAVEN!

THIS CHAPEL, THE "DROIT AU CIEL", WAS BUILT ON THE TOP OF A TOWERING, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FEET HIGH ROCK...! IT'S LOCATED IN LE PUY, FRANCE.



THE KNEES
ARE INJURED
MORE OFTEN
THAN ANY
OTHER PART
OF THE BODY
IN ATHLETIC
SPORTS



HORSES
WEAR
FLIES
IN SOUTH
AFRICA
- IT PROTECTS
THEM FROM
FLIES!

SOME NATIVES OF
NEW GUINEA REGARD
THE TEETH OF MONGREL
DOGS AS BEING MORE
VALUABLE THAN GOLD!



THE MOVING MOUNTAIN

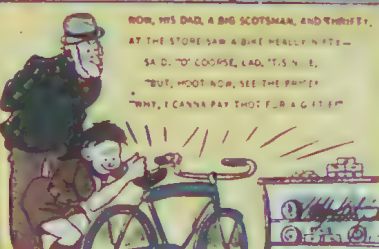
CHIEF MOUNTAIN IN
GLACIER PARK HAS SLID
SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND FEET
FROM ITS ORIGINAL POSITION!

A MACBEAGLE CAN SMELL A BARGAIN!



BUT THE CLERK KNEW WITH WHOM HE WAS DEALING,
SO, HIS WHIRL AT YOUNG SANDY CONCEALING,
HE REMARKED TO MC-BEAGLE,
WITH MANNER QUITE REVERENT,

"THE PRICE, SIR, INCLUDES THE FREE WHEELING—"



NOW, THAT MEANT A CHASTER WAKE, MERELY—
A MARROW, WHICH RIFTERS PRIZE DEEMED,
BUT THREE WAS ENOUGH
TO SELL THE SPOT TIGHT,
SO ALL THREE WERE CONTENTED, SINCERE—

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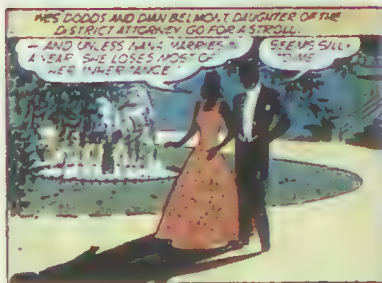
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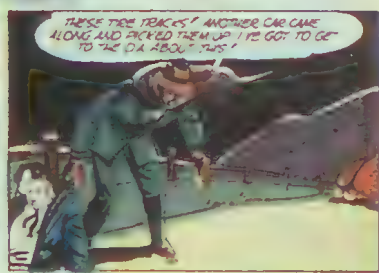
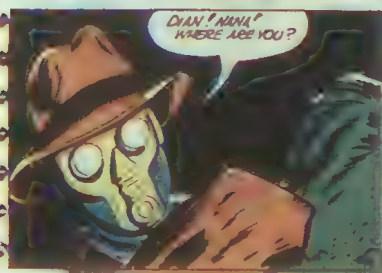
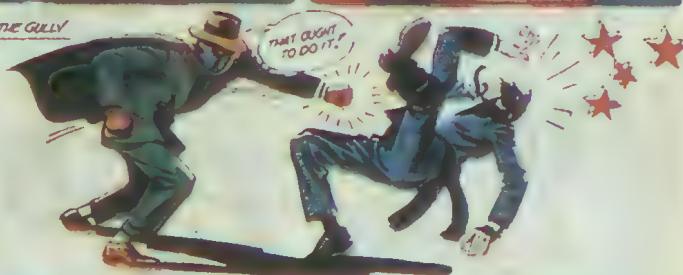


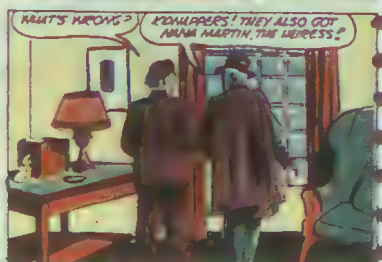


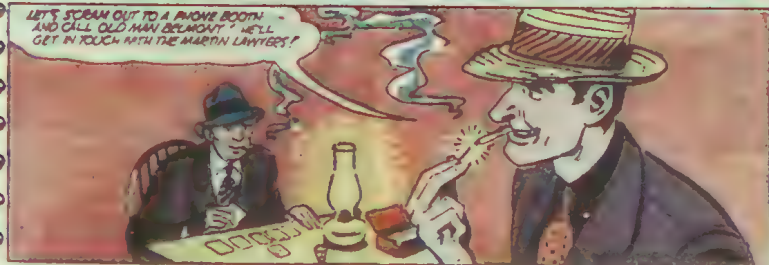
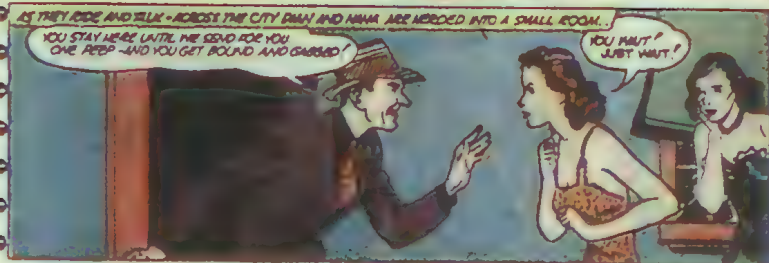
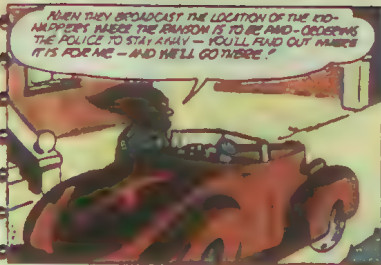




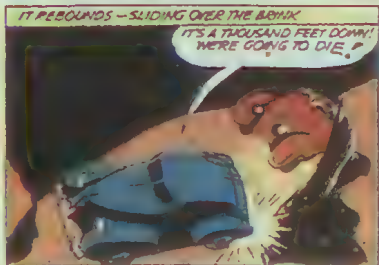
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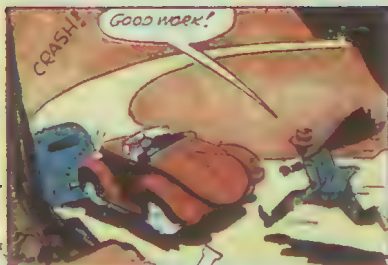


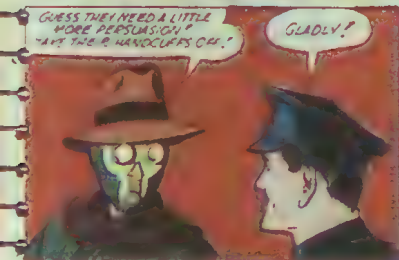












THE 'BIG SIX' COMIC MAGAZINES STILL LEAD THE FIELD!



SUPERMAN

ON SALE ABOUT THE 23RD
OF EVERY MONTH



THE SANDMAN

ON SALE ABOUT
THE 7TH
OF EVERY MONTH



THE BATMAN

ON SALE ABOUT THE 5TH
OF EVERY MONTH



THE GREEN LANTERN

ON SALE ABOUT THE 20TH
OF EVERY MONTH



THE SPECTRE

ON SALE ABOUT
THE 1ST
OF EVERY MONTH



THE FLASH

ON SALE ABOUT THE 15TH
OF EVERY MONTH

Baby ^{CURTISS} 5¢ Ruth

WHAT IS THE
OLDEST SCIENCE
KNOWN TO
MAN?



IS RICH
IN PURE
DEXTROSE
THE SUGAR
YOUR BODY USES
DIRECTLY
FOR ENERGY



ASTRONOMY

CANDY IS DELICIOUS FOOD

...ENJOY SOME EVERY DAY

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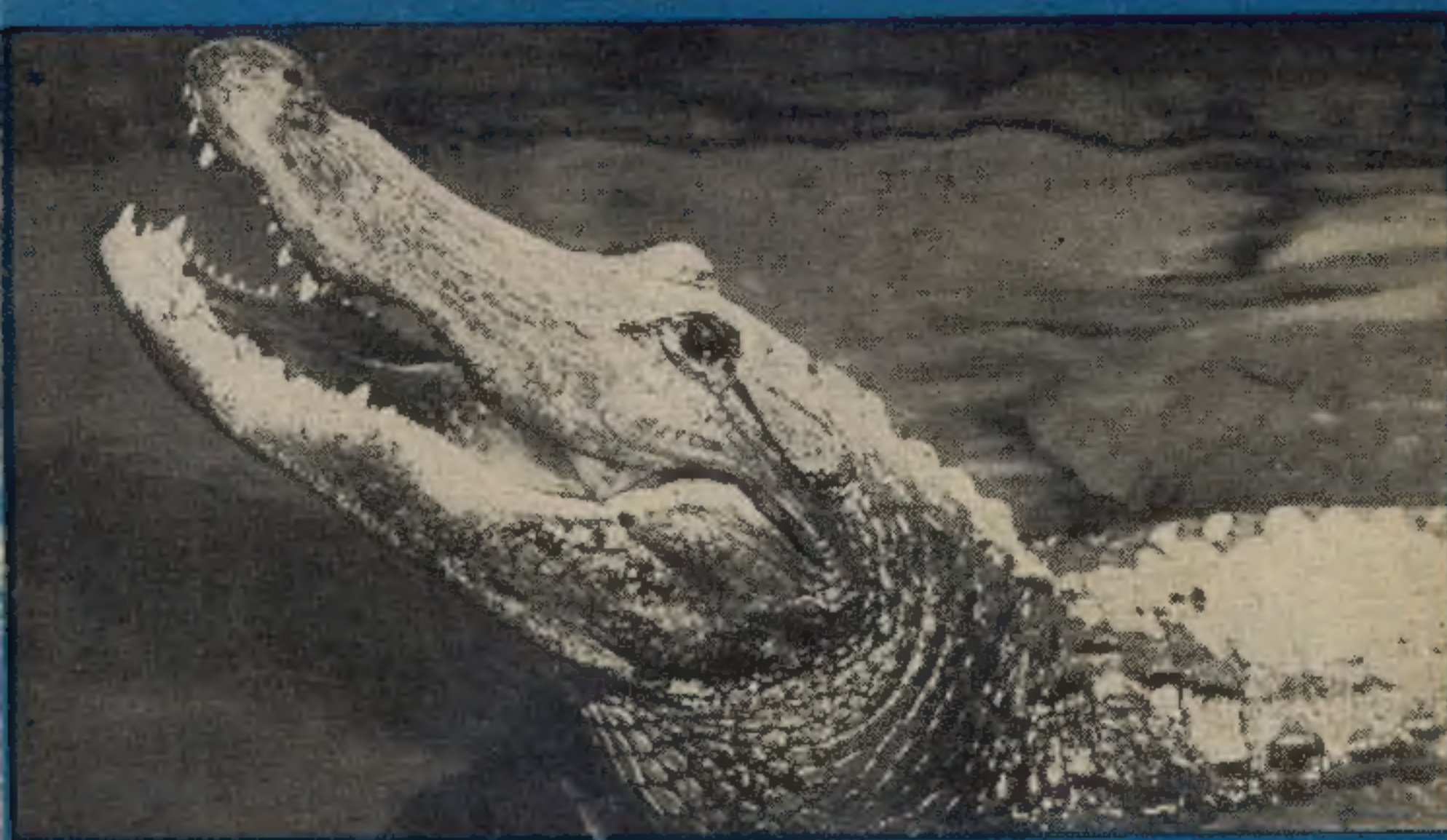
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